

the legs. In FIG. 30, these legs **3001** to **3004** are half wave routings into a 4-way resistor located in the center of each. In FIG. 6, the half wave routing is not needed as the resistor is able to short the coaxial lines directly at locations **620**, **630**, **640** and **650**. Each microstructural element **3001**, **3002**, **3003** and **3004** may include a star resistor equivalent to **690** in FIG. 6 located in a central region similar to the resistor mounting regions of FIG. 25B or 25D. The resistors may be formed monolithically during the formation of the microstructure **3000** or microstructure **3000** may be formed in multiple pieces that are divided at a lower surface of **3001**, **3002**, **3003**, and **3004** wherein the resistors are mounted in these parts and then the parts are assembled into a stack and bonded using any suitable methods such as solder, conductive epoxy, gold fusion bonding, anisotropic conductive adhesive or similar. This example 4-stage 4-way Wilkinson power divider/combiner includes 4 segments/sections. As illustrated, these sections are located in each of pillars **3080**, **3081**, **3082** and **3083** of this example embodiment. For example, microstructural elements **3053**, **3043**, **3033** and **3023** in pillar **3083** may include the functionality of respectively leg elements **653**, **643**, **633**, and **623**. The three remaining pillars **3080**, **3081** and **3082** are each constructed with similar elements and include functionality of respectively leg elements in FIG. 6. For example, microstructural elements in pillar **3081** may include the functionality of respectively leg elements **621**, **631**, **641** and **651**. By symmetry the relationships in the other legs should be obvious to one skilled in the art. According to some embodiments, signals may meander up structure **3000** in many ways, including through portions of structures **3001**, **3002**, **3003**, and/or **3004** as well as through portions of the outside pillars. In FIG. 30 quarter wave segments are located between **3023** and **3033**, between **3033** and **3043**, between **3043** and **3053**, and between **3053** and central output or input port **3050**.

These correspond to the quarter wave segments **623**, **633**, **643** and **653** in FIG. 6. In FIG. 30 sections **3001**, **3002**, **3003** and **3004** may have different configuration and different resistor values and may be determined through software simulation such as through Ansoft's Designer™, HFSS™ or Agilent's ADS™. While  $\lambda/2$  segments are shown in FIG. 30, alternative resistor mounting methods which do not require  $\lambda/2$  segments, such as shown in FIG. 3B could be used with alternative routings to produce a multi-stage stacked structure similar to FIG. 30.

FIG. 31 illustrates a transition structure **3100** in accordance with one aspect of embodiments. Transition structure **3100**, as illustrated, is a transition/interconnection that switches a three-dimensional coaxial microstructure to an RF line, for example, a coplanar waveguide line (CPW) or microstrip line. This transition may be optimized using software such as Ansoft's HFSS® to reduce the transition loss. Inner conductor **3130** makes a downward Z-transition from a three-dimensional coaxial to connect to the signal line of the RF line using foot **3172**. Grounding microstructure feet **3171** and **3173** connect to the ground of an RF line. A dielectric material may be located between the center conductor feet **3172** and center conductor **3130** as is shown at **3160** and **3170**. The dielectric is located between outer conductor foot **3171** and **3173** and outer conductor ground **3150** and is shown as **3170**. The dielectric may be configured to stop solder and conductive epoxy upward flow and/or provide mechanical stability of the center conductor. A second dielectric **3160** may be located at the top of the center conductor **3130** to minimize the upward and lateral motion.

As presented herein, an n-way three dimensional microstructural divider/combiner may be manufactured in a pro-

cess, such as the PolyStrata® process or other microfabrication technique for creating coaxial quasi-coaxial microstructures. In embodiments, any suitable process may be employed, for example a lamination, pick-and-place, transfer-bonding, deposition and/or electroplating process. Such processes may be illustrated at least at U.S. patent and U.S. patent application Nos. incorporated herein by reference.

According to embodiments, for example, a sequential build process including one or more material integration processes may be employed to form a portion and/or substantially all of an apparatus. In embodiments, a sequential build process may be accomplished through processes including various combinations of: (a) metal material, sacrificial material (e.g., photoresist), insulative material (e.g., dielectric) and/or thermally conductive material deposition processes; (b) surface planarization; (c) photolithography; and/or (d) etching or other layer removal processes. In embodiments, plating techniques may be useful, although other deposition techniques such as physical vapor deposition (PVD) and/or chemical vapor deposition (CVD) techniques may be employed.

According to embodiments, a sequential build process may include disposing a plurality of layers over a substrate. In embodiments, layers may include one or more layers of a dielectric material, one or more layers of a metal material and/or one or more layers of a resist material. In embodiments, a support structure may be formed of dielectric material. In embodiments, a support structure may include an anchoring portion, such as an aperture extending at least partially there-through. In embodiments, a microstructural element, such as a first conductor and/or a second conductor, may be formed of a metal material. In embodiments, one or more layers may be etched by any suitable process, for example wet and/or dry etching processes.

According to embodiments, a metal material may be deposited in an aperture of a microstructural element, affixing one or more microstructural elements together and/or to a support structure. In embodiments, sacrificial material may be removed to form a non-solid volume. In embodiments, a non-solid volume may be filled with dielectric material, and/or insulative material may be disposed between a first microstructural element and a second microstructural element and/or the like.

According to embodiments, for example, any material integration process may be employed to form a part and/or all of an apparatus. In embodiments, for example, transfer bonding, lamination, pick-and-place, deposition transfer (e.g., slurry transfer), and/or electroplating on and/or over a substrate layer, which may be mid-build of a process flow, may be employed. In embodiments, a transfer bonding process may include affixing a first material to a carrier substrate, patterning a material, affixing a patterned material to a substrate, and/or releasing a carrier substrate. In embodiments, a lamination process may include patterning a material before and/or after a material is laminated to a substrate layer and/or any other desired layer. In embodiments, a material may be supported by a support lattice to suspend it before it is laminated, and then it may be laminated to a layer. In embodiments, a material may be selectively dispensed.

The exemplary embodiments described herein in the context of a coaxial transmission line for electromagnetic energy may find application, for example, in the telecommunications industry in radar systems and/or in microwave and millimeter-wave devices. In embodiments, however, exemplary structures and/or processes may be used in numerous fields for microdevices such as in pressure sensors, rollover sensors;